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Applicant: Yang et al. Examiner: Kifle
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 26, 2002, the Advisory Actions mailed March 12, 2003; May 14, 2003 and May 23, 2003; and further to the Notice of Appeal that was filed May 27, 2003 (received by PTO on May 29, 2003) and the Request for Continued Examination that is filed herewith, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

The present Response is timely filed on December 19, 2003 since a Petition for a five (5) month extension of time from July 29, 2003 to and including December 29, 2003 is being filed herewith. Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this Response.